

## GINGER ROOT

The farm value of Hawaii's 1999-2000 ginger root crop is estimated at a record high \$8.9 million, up 11 percent from the previous season. The record revenue was generated by a 32 percent increase in the average farm price that more than offset a 16 percent decline in production.

At 66.0 cents per pound, the 1999-2000 average farm price was the third consecutive year of increase, but was also well below the record high farm price of 92.3 cents per pound reached during the 1981-1982 season. The previous record high for farm revenue was set during the 1996-1997 season at \$8.1 million.

Hawaii farmers harvested 13.5 million pounds of ginger root during the 1999-2000 season, down 16 percent from the previous season. The main reason for the decline in output was a 23 percent decrease in harvested acreage to 270 acres, the lowest total in four years.

Offsetting some of the decline in harvested acreage was a 9 percent increase in average yields to 50,000 pounds. The improvement in yields was mainly a result of improved weather conditions in the windward area of the Big Island which accounts for most of the State's ginger root.

### GINGER ROOT: Acreage, yield, production, price, and value, State of Hawaii, 1996-2000

Year	Harvested acres	Yield per acre	Production	Farm price	Value of sales
		----- 1,000 pounds -----		Cents per pound	1,000 dollars
1996	200	47.0	9,400	87.0	7,050
1997	275	44.0	12,100	75.0	8,107
1998	360	50.0	18,000	40.0	7,200
1999	350	46.0	16,100	50.0	8,050
<b>2000</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>8,910</b>

### GINGER ROOT: U.S. imports, 1996-2000

Year	Unground (including fresh)	Ground	Sweet	Candied	Total
					1,000 pounds
1996	30,367	1,220	1,819	1,065	34,471
1997	29,649	854	2,046	1,267	33,816
1998	30,375	563	1,816	1,512	34,265
1999	33,679	669	2,059	2,000	38,406
<b>2000</b>	<b>41,141</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>46,890</b>

Source: Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.